Bollington St. John's Church of England



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' - Joy

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

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Head's Message

Unbelievably we have reached the last Friday and therefore the last newsletter of this academic year. As we prepare to wish our Year 6 children a fond farewell, we also prepare to welcome our new starters. It is fitting that our last two assemblies are dedicated to the youngest and oldest among us. Class 1 delighted us with a super assembly today, showing how far they have come during their first year with us. On Tuesday we say a sad farewell to Year 6, and hope you can join us for their Leavers' Play at 9.30am. Tonight we have our Leavers' Disco, and tomorrow we hope you will all join us for the PTA Summerfest. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our school. Together we are creating an amazing St John's community, which holds the children in its heart. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you back on Tuesday 3rd September.

Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors

Our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors visited Tytherington for their final session of the year on Tuesday. They presented to Head teachers and Heads of PSHE during the afternoon. We are very proud to be associated with this partnership project, which I am delighted to announce will continue next year. We have already committed to raise money for the charity Young Minds, by having a well-being and non-uniform day on 10th October – World Mental Health Day.

This Week

It has been a busy week this week. Year 6 children attended the Bible Presentation ceremony on Monday. We had a super music assembly on Tuesday, where children showed off their ukulele, guitar and piano accomplishments. Year 6 parents were welcomed for their special lunch on Wednesday. Class 4 had a drugs awareness assembly on Thursday and Class 3 attended Eucharist at St Oswald's.

Class 4 Electronics/ Mobile Phones

Please note that from September the children in Class 4 will NOT be allowed any electronics in school for reward time. They are more than welcome to use the iPads and laptops in class. We have taken this decision due to ongoing social media/Fortnite issues. Mobile phones should NEVER be in school.

Kerridge War Memorial

All the children are beautifully painting rocks with messages of peace to be displayed at the war memorial at Kerridge in September, to commemorate the centenary of the erection of the memorial. Children are also busy working on items for the time capsule, which will be given to the Kerridge War Memorial Committee when we return in September. Please be assured that permissions will be sought from parents regarding publicity etc, prior to presenting these items.

Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Catherine Kemp to our staff team at St John's. Miss Kemp recently worked as a TA in Class 3, and will be re-joining that class in September.

Building Work

This week work started in the downstairs toilets which should finish next week. We have added more toilets and lowered the sink so that the children can reach it. Over the summer new gas boilers will be installed in the school, after we were awarded a grant of £110,000 from the diocese. We will be installing a new front door soon – green of course. We are also extending the green railings up Grimshaw Lane, to the end of our property.

In school next week:

Saturday - PTA Summerfest 12-4pm.

Tuesday – Leavers' Play at 9.30am. Leavers' Lunch. School closes at 3.30pm for the summer. SCHOOL RE-OPENS TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have finished our D&T projects and the children have decorated their cars. We wrote about how we made them and the materials that we used. We carried out a floating and sinking investigation where we made predictions and wrote up the results. We have practiced our assembly all week and enjoyed spending time together during our last full week.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been writing up our dragon machine stories in near and learning how to edit our work to make it better. In maths we have looked at right angels and made our own right angle finders. In IPC we have learnt about UK beach resorts and done a class survey of the most popular ones. We have also created our own treasure maps and plotted coordinates on them for each other to solve.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have used inverse operations to solve addition and subtraction problems. In literacy, children have started to create story based on the Iron Man. In IPC, children have evaluated the rockets that they created last week.

Class 4 – This week, Year 6 enjoyed their Bible presentation and parents' lunch. The children have all decorated rocks for the Kerridge War Memorial. In English, they have completed their work on 'Wonder' by Raquel Jaramillo. We look forward to performing our Leavers' Play, which we hope you can join us for on Tuesday.